SRIMATI D. SAKAMMA (Special Interests).—

Q.—54. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) Whether the recommendations of the Whitley Commission on Labour were considered by any authority in Mysore, and if so, by whom ?

(*b*) What are the various measures taken by the Government to implement the recommendations in Mysore ?

(*c*) Are there any hours fixed in the case of men workers and women workers in the factories, and if so, is there any difference between both ?

(*d*) Is there any provision made for maternity leave for women labourers in the factories and what provision is made for their maintenance during the leave ?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.—

A.—54. (*a*) and (*b*) The question of amending the Factories Regulation in the light of the recommendations of the Whitley Commission on Labour is under the active consideration of Government. As it is desirable to secure, as far as possible, uniformity in the law as obtains in British India and in the State, the question of amending the Mysore Regulation will be taken up as soon as the amending Bill now under the consideration of the Indian Legislative Assembly is passed into law.

(*c*) The attention of the member is invited to Sections 24, 25, 27, 28 and 30 of the Factories Regulation.

(*d*) No such provision is made in the Factories Regulation. But Government have issued rules for the grant of maternity leave to women employees in the industrial concerns under the control of the Industries and Commerce Department. A copy of Government Order No. D. 5274-5—I. and C. 253-32-2, dated 21st April 1933 on the subject is placed on the table (*vide* Appendix).

MR. DODDALINGA NAIK (Minorities).—

Q.—55. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) Which of the communities out of the backward classes have 25 per cent of their population literate according to the last census ?

(*b*) If there are such communities, can they not be excluded from the list of backward classes ?